

This Week in Washington

Resources Chairman Pombo Selects Reps. Radanovich, Gilchrest, Calvert, McInnis and Cubin to Chair Subcommittees

Washington, D.C. - House Resources Committee Chairman Richard Pombo today announced the leadership of the committee's five subcommittees.

- Rep. George Radanovich, CA-19th, will chair the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands;
- Rep. Wayne Gilchrest, MD-1st, will chair the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans;
- Rep. Ken Calvert, CA-43rd, will chair the Subcommittee on Water and Power;
- Rep. Scott McInnis, CO-03rd, will chair the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health; and
- Rep. Barbara Cubin, WY-At Large, will chair the Subcommittee on Energy and Minerals Resources.

Chairman Pombo's Statement:

"I am proud to be working with my colleagues on the Resources Committee. These representatives each have proven expertise and dedication in the subcommittees they chair. Their background and leadership will guarantee our success in reaching non-partisan solutions to the many critical pieces of legislation the Committee needs to address this year. I look forward to working closely with each of them to craft an effective Resources agenda for the 108th Congress."

Pombo Comments on Fish and Wildlife Service Decision Regarding the California Spotted Owl

House Resources Committee Chairman Richard Pombo commented on the decision today by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that the California spotted owl does not warrant protection under the Endangered Species Act.

"Basing the decision on the best scientific information available, the Fish and Wildlife Service determined that the California spotted owl was neither endangered nor threatened," Chairman Pombo stated. This should be good news for everyone involved - most especially the California spotted owl, a healthy species which exists in great numbers."

"We need to continue to work on a legislative solution with George Miller and others to guarantee that these decisions are made in the best interest of our nation's wildlife," he added.

The study, mandated by a Federal court order to be determined by today's date, consisted of a 12 month review of all scientific and commercial information available, as required by the Endangered Species Act.

The California spotted owl, one of three subspecies of spotted owls, is currently recognized as a sensitive species by U.S. Forest Service. The California Department of Fish and Game lists the California spotted owl as a species of special concern.

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Today in History

1892 - In the U.S., President Lincoln's birthday was declared to be a national holiday.

1915 - The cornerstone of the Lincoln Memorial was laid in Washington, DC.

1924 - U.S. President Calvin Coolidge made the first presidential political speech on radio.

1973 - American prisoners of war were released for the first time during the Vietnam conflict.

1998 - A U.S. federal judge declares that the presidential line-item veto was unconstitutional.

1999 - U.S. President Clinton was acquitted by the U.S. Senate on two impeachment articles.

2001 - The U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ordered Napster to stop its users from trading copyrighted material without charge.

2002 - Kenneth Lay, former Enron CEO, exercised his constitutional rights and refused to testify to the U.S. Congress about the collapse of Enron.

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Wordsmith

Endangered species

Function: noun

D a t e : 1 9 6 4

: a species threatened with extinction; *broadly* : anyone or anything whose continued existence is threatened

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